

**Duties and responsibilities of Police Health care workers during
COVID-19**

In the wake of pandemic COVID-19, and to comply with MHA and State Government instructions, it has been proposed to upgrade the functioning of the Police Hospital so as to effectively prevent the spread of COVID-19. Keeping this in mind the team of the Police Hospitals are expected to carry out the following functions in addition to the primary functions and duties of providing healthcare services:-

1. Promote awareness among the Police personnel and families of Police personnel about the newly launched tele-medicine facility aimed at providing timely medical advice to Police personnel and their families.
2. Create awareness among Police personnel and their family members with respect to personal hygiene, social distancing and other precautions which are to be adhered to prevent the spreading of COVID-19.
3. Visit the quarters of Police persons and Police Stations, so as to ensure proper adherence to hygiene, social distancing and other precautions which are mandatory to prevent the disease. If required, they should liaise with Department of Fire Force for fumigation of identified places.
4. To assess the availability of hand sanitizers, face masks with Police personnel on duty and also in Police Stations and other units and to make arrangements to provide the same wherever required.
5. Promote a positive mental health, the families of Police personnel shall be encouraged to avail the tele counseling facility.
6. Health Inspectors to take up active role in contact tracing in the event of positive cases among Police personnel.
7. Health Inspectors should create a data base of the family members of the Police personnel and should keep a close watch so as to enable them to identify any positive cases of family members of Police personnel. Here special focus should be on elderly members of the family with/without comorbidities and young children.
8. Doctors will give personal attention to ensure that adequate Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) and other facilities are available in the hospitals to deal with COVID-19.
9. Health Inspectors should visit Police Stations, quarters of Police personnel, houses of Police officers, camps and other residences. They will see if anyone is under quarantine and if so, steps should be taken to ensure hygienic conditions.
10. Fumigation, distribution of medicines and other necessary action to ensure hygiene and contain the spread of the disease shall be opted for.

11. The Unit heads and Doctors shall liaise with the Ministry of Ayush so as to open counters at various Police hospitals to provide Ayush medicines to Police personnel and their family members as advised by Ayush.
12. Hospital team to spread awareness about the 'Arogya Sethu' app and popularize its usage among Police personnel and family members of Police personnel.
13. A special drive to be spearheaded by the Hospital team to spread awareness among the Police personnel with regards to proper usage of masks, gloves and adherence to social distancing norms while on the field.
14. Health Inspectors on their visit to Police Stations should ensure that proper mechanisms are in place to sanitize the footwear while entering the PS. The SHOs of the Police Stations shall be encouraged to provide touch free mechanisms for hand wash.
15. Duties and responsibilities as prescribed in the MHA Order no. 40-3/2020-DM-I(A) dated 15.04.2020 and its annexures have to be followed by the police health care officials.
16. Any other duties assigned by the State Police Chief to the Police Health care teams to be performed as and when directed.
